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12 December

1. Met with Henry Balivet, Assistant to Senator Flanders, to discuss his letter to the Director expressing the opinion that the U.S. was encouraging the furnishing of a lot of valuable free advice to the Soviet Union through the teams of industrial experts. I described the arrangements which had been made for briefing and debriefing these teams and expressed our view that the U.S. Government was definitely the net gainer as a result of these exchanges. I don't know that Balivet agreed with me, but we had a pleasant conversation and I doubt if he will pursue the matter further.

2. Visited Carl Marcy, Chief of Staff of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and arranged to have the Director or his designee go up to the Committee rooms and read the transcript of the Director's recent testimony before the Committee. After reporting this conversation to the Director, he designated me to read the transcript with a view towards seeing whether the apparent quotes from his testimony which appeared in recent newspaper articles were accurate.

17 December

Congressman Albert Thomas came down to have lunch with Gen. Cabell. Messrs. Kirkpatrick, Amory, Helms, Paul and two representatives from EE also attended. The Congressman reported in a perfunctory manner on his recent trip to Europe, [redacted]

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18 December

General McClelland, Colonel White and Messrs. Houston, [redacted] and Paul met with the Director and Gen. Cabell on the problem of amendments to the Communications Act of 1934. The Director agreed that he would sign, with one slight modification, the letter proposed for his signature to Mr. Brundage.

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